

## Friday Newsletter – 24th April 2026

It has been a truly glorious week at Castle View, with the sunshine finally making a sustained appearance and bathing our grounds in warmth. There is a wonderful energy around the school when the weather is this fine; it seems to invigorate both our staff and our pupils, providing the perfect backdrop for the diverse range of learning taking place.

This week has been a masterclass in curiosity and exploration. Whether it was our youngest learners identifying the vibrant spring blooms in our gardens or our older pupils representing us with such distinction at Lancaster University, the "Castle View Spirit" has been on full display. I have been particularly moved by the children's reflections on Earth Day 2026; seeing their commitment to sustainability reminds me that our future is in very capable hands.



### Classifying Creatures and Crafting a Cleaner Community

This week, our Year 5 scientists have been exploring the fascinating world of biological classification. The children have been learning how to group living things based on their unique characteristics, from the broad Five Kingdoms down to specific species. They've particularly enjoyed using dichotomous keys to identify various plants and animals, developing a deeper understanding of the incredible diversity of life on Earth!

In celebration of Earth Day 2026, Year 5 has been discussing the vital importance of environmental stewardship and how we can better protect our planet. To reflect on our role as caretakers of the Earth, the children created beautiful origami Earths using recycled paper. It was a wonderful way to combine creativity with a meaningful commitment to sustainability!

### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Milly	Year 5 – Nelly
Year 3/4 – Evan	Year 6 - Bella



### Superstars Certificates for outstanding work

The following children have all worked their socks off in class and have been awarded a certificate for their great attitude to learning:

Miss Spencer – Nevaeh and Penelope  
Miss Mills – Aram and Iris

Mr Cross– Ruby S and Ruby T  
Mrs Robinson - Thaaranka and Hisham

### Branching Out and Burning Ambition in KS1

What an eventful week we have had in KS1! In science, the children have been identifying and locating deciduous and evergreen trees, comparing them to how they look in the summer. This has included identifying wild flowers and garden flowers. They have also continued their learning about the Great Fire of London and enjoyed acting it out on the playground.



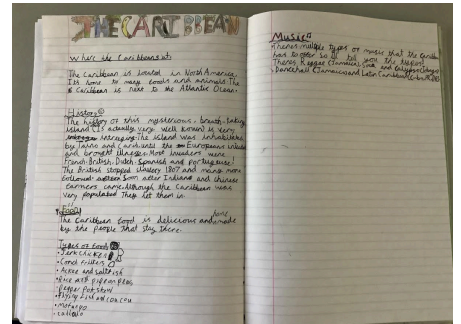
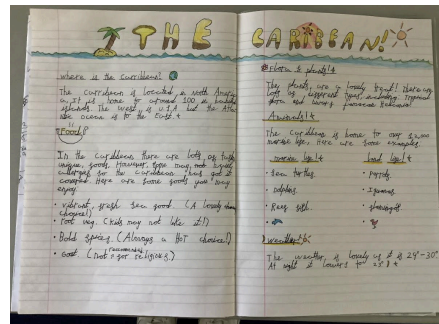
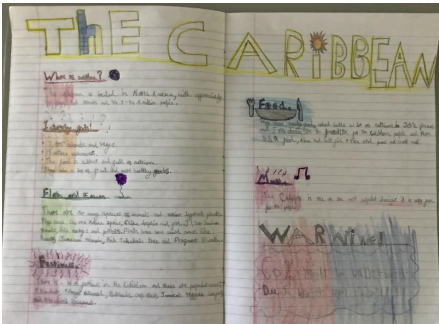
## Terrific teeth!



This week in science we have focussed on the very beginning of the digestive journey. We have explored the process of the food entering our mouth, chewing it up, and then swallowing it down! We then took advantage of the glorious sunshine to take a look in our own mouths! We discovered the names for the different teeth, counted how many of each we had and then discussed why we get wobbly teeth - some of us may be due a visit from the tooth fairy soon!

## Captivating Caribbean Chronicles

Y6 have been researching the Caribbean as part of their English work on traditional tales from the Caribbean. They have produced some excellent writing showing range in sentence structures and careful presentation.



## School Tasking - Lancaster Finals 2026

It was a momentous midweek for some of our Year 5 pupils as they ventured to Lancaster University to represent us at the School Tasking Lancaster Finals.

Our team displayed impeccable teamwork throughout the afternoon, tackling a series of creative and intellectual challenges that put their problem-solving skills to the test. From the artistic flair required to design a commemorative statue to the thoughtful process of creating their own shields, the children fully immersed themselves in the experience. They even spent time celebrating the importance of law, showcasing a maturity and work ethic that truly did the school proud. It was a joy to see them represent Castle View with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship—well done to all involved!



## Dates for next half term:

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - SATS Week

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,

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